

MONROE COUNTY NEWS RELEASE

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DOYLE URGES RESIDENTS TO HEED SAFETY MEASURES

"As people begin to clean up their properties, we want them to continue to put safety first and exercise caution," said Monroe County Executive Jack Doyle. "While the community works to recover from this weekend's ice storm, there is still the potential for injuries due to downed power lines, fallen trees and other debris. Home safety is equally important."

Residents without a telephone or without a dial tone who need emergency services should:

- Seek telephone assistance from a neighbor or family member not affected by the storm
- Seek a nearby pay-phone
- Seek out someone with a cell phone
- Go to a Red Cross shelter
- Go to your local fire station if you know that it is staffed

Use 911 For Emergency Calls Only – All residents are reminded that 911 is an emergency number and calls to the 911 center should be limited to those calls requiring police, fire or emergency medical services only and is NOT intended to be used for general information or inquiry.

Alternative Heat and Lighting - Use lanterns, lighters, or other open flame devices only after you have determined the area is free of leaking gas that could become ignited. Do not use generators in a confined area. Generators should only be used outdoors and away from areas that could not draft back into the home.

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